



REQUEST FOR ACTION

Bid Advertisement – 37th Street NE Stormwater Management Facility - Project No. J6520

MEETING DATE:

July 20, 2026

ORIGINATING DEPT:

Public Works

AGENDA SECTION:

Consent Agenda

PRESENTER:

Aaron Luckstein

Action Requested:

Authorizing the advertisement for bids for the 37th Street NE Stormwater Management Facility – Project No. J6520.

Report Narrative:

A regional stormwater management facility is proposed within the northwest quadrant of 37th St NE and East River Rd NE, immediately south of Foster-Arend Park. The proposed stormwater management facility will include an offline infiltration basin with a large wet sedimentation basin that will serve as pretreatment for the infiltration basin. This stormwater management facility is intended to provide water quality treatment for the 500-plus acre watershed that it serves via infiltration, thus reducing the volume of stormwater runoff and sediment conveyed to the South Fork Zumbro River and providing stormwater water quality treatment credits for approximately 90 acres. The project will also address the conveyance of stormwater between the proposed stormwater facility and the South Fork Zumbro River while maintaining trail connectivity through the parcel.

This project initially started in 2018 but was put on hold because of challenges with meeting DNR requirements. The project was picked back up in 2025 as a top candidate project for helping meet the growing need for an offsite stormwater water quality treatment credit transfer site to support infill development and street reconstruction projects.

The project design is in the final stages, and the bid release and subsequent opening will occur as soon as the design phase is complete. Approval of this authorization allows for publishing the advertisement for bids upon receipt of the completed design. The bids will then be brought back to the council for consideration.

Priorities & Foundational Principles:

Responsible Environmental Stewardship
Public Safety

Policy Considerations & DEI Impact:

The proposed project is consistent with City policies, maintenance requirements, and design standards related to storm water conveyance and water quality treatment.

Prior Legislative Actions & Community Engagement:

August 11, 2025: Council Meeting - Authorization of design services contract

April 6, 2026: Council Meeting - Authorization of contract amendment for design services
May 27, 2026: Study Session - Stormwater Water Quality Treatment Credit Transfer Program Policy

Fiscal & Resource Impact:

The 37th St NE Stormwater Management Facility Project - Project No. J6520 is funded through the 2018 Storm Water Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), Map No. 23 Regional Stormwater Infiltration Facility Project: East River Rd/37th St NE Infiltration Basin Construction. The original CIP budget for this project was \$1,410,000, but as previously noted, was determined to be infeasible. Based on the updated design, the current engineer's estimate for the project is \$4,320,000 with a 20% contingency. The additional funding required will be covered by Storm Water Utility Fund reserves. A portion of the total project cost is expected to be recovered through the sale of stormwater water quality treatment credits.

Alternative Action(s):

No alternative actions are suggested at this time.

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Attachments:

[Project Location Map - 37th Street NE Stormwater Management Facility - Project No. J6520](#)